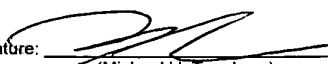


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For: PROSTATIC CELL LINE AND USE
THEREOF TO OBTAIN AN ESTABLISHED
PROSTATIC CANCER IN AN ANIMAL

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the office action mailed July 4, 2004, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the office action, the examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 1-14, drawn to an established cell line and a non-human animal carrying said established cell line.

II. Claims 15-24, drawn to a method for identifying a substance likely to treat a tumor of the prostate comprising administering test substances to said non-human animal.

III. Claims 25-27, drawn to a PSM-P12 antibody and a coupling product between a specific monoclonal antibody and a substance of therapeutic or diagnostic interest of cancer of the prostate.

IV. Claim 28, drawn to the use of the PSM-P12 antibody in a targeting process of tumor cells of the prostate.


In response, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-14. While applicants acknowledge the Patent Office's admission on the record that the grouped inventions are patentably distinct from one another, nonetheless, a search for one group of claims would necessarily implicate a search of the classes and subclasses corresponding to the others. Accordingly, a search can be made with the entire application, including all claims, without undo burden on the examiner and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure encourages examiners to search the entire case under such circumstances.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the examiner is authorized to charge applicants Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

Dated: September 3, 2004

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